

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN VICKI COCCHIARELLA**, on February 13, 2007 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)  
Sen. Roy Brown (R)  
Sen. John Esp (R)  
Sen. Verdell Jackson (R)  
Sen. Lane L. Larson (D)  
Sen. Don Ryan (D)  
Sen. Frank Smith (D)  
Sen. Carolyn Squires (D)  
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)  
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Claudia Johnson, Committee Secretary  
Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch

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**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: None.  
Executive Action: SB 52, SB 234, SB 254, SB 258, SB  
276, SB 319, SB 321, SB 344, SB  
343, SB 434

00:02:50 Chairwoman Cocchiarella

Discussion:

00:04:05 Pat Murdo, LSD

EXHIBIT(bus32a01)

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 52

00:04:41 Motion: SEN. ESP moved that SB 52 DO PASS.

Discussion:

00:04:53 Motion: SEN. ESP moved that AMENDMENT SB05201.APM BE ADOPTED.

Discussion:

00:05:04 Vote: Motion that AMENDMENT SB05201.APM BE ADOPTED carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:05:10 Motion: SEN. ESP moved that SB 52 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Discussion:

00:05:29 Sen. Esp

00:08:07 Vote: Motion that SB 52 DO PASS AS AMENDED failed 4-7 by roll call vote with SEN. BROWN, SEN. ESP, SEN. JACKSON, and SEN. STEINBEISSER voting aye.

00:09:42 Motion/Vote: SEN. SMITH moved that HB 52 BE TABLED. Motion carried 8-3 by roll call vote with SEN. ESP, SEN. JACKSON, and SEN. STEINBEISSER voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 234

00:15:05 Motion: SEN. BROWN moved that SB 234 DO NOT PASS.

Discussion:

00:15:15 Motion/Vote: SEN. ESP moved that SB 234 BE TABLED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Smith, Sen. Larson, and Sen. Jackson voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 254**

00:17:45 **Motion:** SEN. SQUIRES moved that SB 254 DO PASS.

**Discussion:**

00:17:58 **Motion:** SEN. ESP moved that AMENDMENT to SB 254 BE ADOPTED.

**Discussion:**

00:18:30 Sen. Squires

00:18:58 Melissa Case, MEA-MFT

00:22:18 Sen. Cocchiarella

00:22:27 Sen. Brown to Pat Murdo, LSD

00:22:47 SEN. SQUIRES withdrew her motion on SB 254.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 258**

00:23:41 **Motion:** SEN. ESP moved that SB 258 DO PASS.

**Discussion:**

00:24:21 **Motion:** SEN. ESP moved that AMENDMENT SB025801.APM BE ADOPTED.

**EXHIBIT (bus32a02)**

**Discussion:**

00:26:30 Pat Murdo, LSD

**EXHIBIT (bus32a03)**

00:27:15 Sen. Esp

00:28:21 Sen. Cocchiarella to Sen. Balyeat

00:29:04 Sen. Squires

00:29:25 Sen. Jackson returned

00:29:40 Sen. Cocchiarella to Sen. Balyeat

00:30:52 Sen. Cocchiarella

00:31:18 Sen. Esp

00:32:06 Pat Murdo, LSD

00:32:27 Sen. Steinbeisser

00:33:08 **Vote: Motion on AMENDMENT SB025801.APM carried unanimously by voice vote.**

00:33:15 **Motion/Vote: SEN. ESP moved that SB 258 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried 10-1 by voice vote with SEN. COCCHIARELLA voting no. Sen. Smith voted by proxy.**

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 276**

**Discussion:**

00:34:14 Sen. Cocchiarella

00:34:43 Pat Murdo, LSD

00:34:56 **Motion: SEN. STEINBEISSER moved that SB 276 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:35:03 **Motion: SEN. STEINBEISSER moved that AMENDMENT SB027602.APM BE ADOPTED.**

**Discussion:**

**EXHIBIT** (bus32a04)

**EXHIBIT** (bus32a05)

00:35:34 Pat Murdo, LSD

00:41:51 Sen. Steinbeisser

00:42:30 Sen. Squires

00:42:44 Sen. Cocchiarella to Sen. Steinbeisser

00:43:04 **Sen. Steinbeisser withdrew his motion on SB 276 and amendment.**

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 319**

**Discussion:**

00:43:32 Sen. Cocchiarella to Sen. Esp

00:43:48 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. COCCHIARELLA moved that SB 319 DO PASS. Motion carried 9-2 by voice vote with SEN. ESP and SEN. RYAN voting no. Sen. Smith voted by proxy.

**Discussion:**

00:44:33 Sen. Cocchiarella

00:44:56 Sen. Esp

00:45:52 Sen. Balyeat to Sen. Esp

00:46:41 Sen. Smith arrived

00:46:59 Sen. Cocchiarella to Sen. Ryan

00:49:41 Sen. Balyeat

00:51:33 Sen. Ryan

00:51:50 Sen. Cocchiarella to Sen. Ryan

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 321**

00:55:50 **Motion:** SEN. SQUIRES moved that SB 321 DO PASS.

**Discussion:**

00:56:27 Pat Murdo, LSD

01:00:57 **Sen. Squires withdrew her motion on SB 321.**

00:56:52 Pat Murdo, LSD

**EXHIBIT**(bus32a06)

**EXHIBIT**(bus32a07)

00:59:06 Sen. Cocchiarella

00:59:24 Sen. Esp

00:59:55 Sen. Cocchiarella

01:00:01 Pat Murdo, LSD

01:05:59 Sen. Cocchiarella to Pat Murdo, LSD

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 344**

01:06:27 **Motion:** SEN. COCCHIARELLA moved that SB 344 DO PASS.

**Discussion:**

01:07:55 Sen. Squires to Sen. Cocchiarella

01:08:58 **Motion:** SEN. SQUIRES moved that AMENDMENT SB034401.APM  
BE ADOPTED.

**EXHIBIT (bus32a08)**

**Discussion:**

01:09:57 Sen. Balyeat

01:11:22 Sen. Larson

01:12:08 Sen. Brown

01:13:09 Sen. Cocchiarella

01:13:28 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. ESP MADE A SUBSTITUTE MOTION that SB  
344 BE TABLED. Motion carried 9-2 by voice vote with  
SEN. BALYEAT and SEN. JACKSON voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 343**

**Discussion:**

01:14:04 Sen. Squires

01:14:55 Sen. Cocchiarella

**EXHIBIT (bus32a09)**

01:16:15 Sen. Larson

01:17:09 Sen. Balyeat on amendment

01:18:19 Sen. Cocchiarella

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 434**

01:18:42 Sen. Cocchiarella

**EXHIBIT**(bus32a10)

01:20:00 **Motion:** SEN. SQUIRES moved that SB 434 DO PASS.

**Discussion:**

01:20:09 Sen. Cocchiarella

01:21:17 Sen. Squires

01:22:35 **Sen. Squires withdrew her motion on SB 434.**

01:23:11 Sen. Balyeat

01:23:28 Sen. Squires

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:34 A.M.

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SEN. VICKI COCCHIARELLA, Chairman

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CLAUDIA JOHNSON, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([bus32aad.pdf](#))**